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SUBJECT: U.S. PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA

REFS: (A) LA PAZ 3228, (B) LA PAZ 3217

1. DEPT APPRECIATES DETAILED AND ENCOURAGING REPORT OF APRIL 29 MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND MININT OFFICIALS (REF A) AND DATA ON ABRAHAMS (REF B). DEPT CONCURS COMPLETELY IN FOCUS AND EMPHASIS PLACED ON SITUATION TO GOB IN APRIL 29 MEETING AND COMMENDS EMBASSY ON ITS ADROIT HANDLING OF THIS VITAL, BUT VERY SENSITIVE MATTER.

2. EMBASSY'S EFFORT TO EXPEDITE REVIEW ACTION ON BOGGESS, KLOEHN, MACDONALD AND LACROIX IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR REASONS SUGGESTED IN PARA 1, REF A. ANY DETENTION BEYOND PERIOD OF SENTENCE IS UNFORTUNATE, BUT PROLONGED DETENTION FOR PROTRACTED REVIEW PROCESS IS UNTHINKABLE. WHILE EMBASSY IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOUBTLESSLY AWARE, ARTICLE 104 OF NEW BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS LAW ESTABLISHES DEADLINES FOR SETTLING REVIEWS; TO-WIT: SUPERIOR COURT HAS FIVE DAYS TO REVIEW AND SUPREME COURT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN TEN DAYS. OF COURSE, ALL CONNECTED WITH THIS PROBLEM ARE PAINFULLY AWARE THAT OTHER STATUTORY TRIAL DEADLINES ARE HONORED IN THE BREACH; HOWEVER, DEPT IS

HOPEFUL THAT MININT OFFICIALS CAN USE LAW TO ACCELERATED
REVIEW PROCESS. IN PRODDING BOLIVIANS ON THIS ISSUE,
ONE HUMANITARIAN, FAMILY-RELATED SITUATION MIGHT HAVE
SOME EFFECT ON FAMILY-ORIENTED BOLIVIAN NATURE. RON
LACROIX HAS SON GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN EARLY
JUNE. THIS SON IS A STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION AND IT
WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY HUMANISTIC GESTURE TO HAVE
LACROIX HOME FOR THIS IMPORTANT FAMILY EVENT.

3. PRIORITY GIVEN MARRERO CASE IS APPROPRIATE AND DEPT
WILL BE INTERESTED IN REPORT OF THE BALLIVIAN VISIT
TO SANTA CRUZ.

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